

# BRAIDED GEOMETRY AND THE INDUCTIVE CONSTRUCTION OF LIE ALGEBRAS AND QUANTUM GROUPS

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**Abstract** Double-bosonisation associates to a braided group in the category of modules of a quantum group, a new quantum group. We announce the semiclassical version of this inductive construction.

## 1 Introduction

A question usually overlooked in deformation theory is that of uniformity: we can quantise this or that Poisson manifold, but do our individual quantisations fit together into a coherent ‘quantum geometry’? In classical geometry the co-ordinate rings are assumed *uniformly* to be commutative. When we relax this, each object has many ‘directions’ in which to become non-commutative and we need to know how to pick these in a coherent way.

This problem is addressed by braided geometry, introduced by the author through about 60 papers since 1989. Rather than deforming one algebra at a time, we deform the tensor product itself; we do group theory and geometry in a braided category in place of  $\text{Vec}$ . Then all mathematical concepts founded in linear algebra are  $q$ -deformed uniformly as we switch on the braiding. Braided geometry has its own method of proofs in which algebraic information ‘flows’ along braid and tangle diagrams like information in a computer, except that under and over crossings of wires are nontrivial braiding operators  $\Psi$  [1][2][3][3][4][6][7]. In physical terms, braided geometry is a generalisation of supergeometry with  $-1$  in Bose-Fermi statistics replaced

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by braid statistics (e.g. by  $q$ ). This is conceptually quite different from the usual quantisation picture where  $q = e^{\frac{\hbar}{2}}$ . But braided-commutative with respect to some  $\otimes_q$  still means non-commutative with respect to the usual  $\otimes$ , so we generate noncommutative algebras, which we can then ‘semiclassicalise’ via such an expansion; we do not start with Poisson brackets but rather we generate them, i.e. this is a deeper point of view.

The starting point is the concept of *braided group*[1] or Hopf algebra in a braided category. This means an algebra and coalgebra  $B$  in the category for which the coproduct  $\underline{\Delta} : B \rightarrow B \underline{\otimes} B$  is an algebra homomorphism, where  $\underline{\otimes}$  is the *braided tensor product* of algebras[1] in a braided category. In concrete terms,  $B \underline{\otimes} B$  has product  $(a \otimes b)(c \otimes d) = a\Psi(b \otimes c)d$ .

The simplest example[4] is the tensor algebra  $TV$  on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  equipped with a braiding  $\Psi : V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V$ . Write  $TV = \mathbb{C}\langle x_i \rangle$  and  $\Psi(x_i \otimes x_j) = x_b \otimes x_a R^a{}_i{}^b{}_j$  (with summation of indices), where  $R$  obeys the Yang-Baxter equation. Then the coproduct has the form[4]:

$$\underline{\Delta}x_{i_1}x_{i_2}\cdots x_{i_m} = \sum_{r=0}^m x_{j_1}\cdots x_{j_r} \otimes x_{j_{r+1}}\cdots x_{j_m} \left[ \begin{matrix} m \\ r \end{matrix}; R \right]_{i_1\cdots i_m}^{j_1\cdots j_m}.$$

In his talk, Rosso[8] mentioned the ‘quantum shuffle algebra’ but this is just the graded dual of  $TV$ . Its product has just the structure of the coproduct of the latter. Writing  $y^{i_m\cdots i_1}$  for the dual basis to  $x_{i_1}\cdots x_{i_m}$ , clearly

$$y^{i_m\cdots i_{r+1}} \cdot y^{i_r\cdots i_1} = \left[ \begin{matrix} m \\ r \end{matrix}; R \right]_{j_1\cdots j_m}^{i_1\cdots i_m} y^{j_m\cdots j_1}, \quad \underline{\Delta}y^{i_m\cdots i_1} = \sum_{r=0}^m y^{i_m\cdots i_{r+1}} \otimes y^{i_r\cdots i_1}.$$

From standard properties[4] of these *braided binomial* matrices  $\left[ \begin{matrix} m \\ r \end{matrix}; R \right]$ ,

$$\pi : T(V^*) \rightarrow (TV)^*, \quad \pi(y^{i_m}y^{i_{m-1}}\cdots y^{i_1}) = [m; R]_{j_1\cdots j_m}^{i_1\cdots i_m} y^{j_m\cdots j_1}$$

is a homomorphism of braided groups, where  $[m; R]!$  are the *braided factorial* matrices and  $T(V^*) = \mathbb{C}\langle y^i \rangle$ . Hence  $\text{ev} : T(V^*) \otimes TV \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\text{ev}(f(y), g(x)) = \pi(f(y))(g(x)) = f(\partial)g(x)|_{x=0} = f(y)g(\overleftarrow{\partial})|_{y=0} \quad (1)$$

is a duality pairing of braided groups. Here  $\partial$  denotes *braided differentiation*

$$\partial^i x_{i_1}\cdots x_{i_m} = x_{j_2}\cdots x_{j_m} [m; R]_{i_1\cdots i_m}^{ij_2\cdots j_m}$$

where  $[m; R]$  is the *braided integer* matrix. Similarly for  $\overleftarrow{\partial}$ . These are some rudiments of braided geometry on free algebras[4].

The kernels of  $\text{ev}$  may be non-zero; quotienting by them gives new braided groups such as the quantum planes  $\mathbb{C}_q^n$ . Another choice[9] is  $R^i_j{}^k_l = \delta^i_j \delta^k_l q^{\beta_{jl}}$ , where  $\beta$  is a bilinear form. This is the case considered in [8] and Fronsda's talk[10]. When  $\beta$  comes from a Cartan matrix, Lusztig[12] computed  $\ker \pi$  as the  $q$ -Serre relations, i.e.  $T(V^*)/\ker \pi = \text{image}(\pi) = U_q(n_+)$ .

## 2 Transmutation and Bosonisation; Induction Principle

General theorems about braided groups are the following. We use Sweedler notation  $\Delta h = h_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)}$  for coproducts,  $S$  for the antipode and  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}^{(1)} \otimes \mathcal{R}^{(2)}$  for Drinfeld's quasitriangular structure (summations understood).

**1. Transmutation** (SM 1990). Let  $H$  be a quantum group (quasitriangular Hopf algebra). Its *transmutation* is the braided group  $\underline{H} \in {}_H\mathcal{M}$ , the braided category of modules.  $\underline{H}$  is  $H$  as a module-algebra by  $\text{Ad}$ , and

$$\underline{\Delta} h = h_{(1)} S \mathcal{R}^{(2)} \otimes \text{Ad}_{\mathcal{R}^{(1)}}(h_{(2)}), \quad \Psi(h \otimes g) = \text{Ad}_{\mathcal{R}^{(2)}}(g) \otimes \text{Ad}_{\mathcal{R}^{(1)}}(h).$$

**2. Bosonisation** (SM 1991). Let  $B \in {}_H\mathcal{M}$  be a braided group with  $\underline{\Delta} b = b_{(1)} \otimes b_{(2)}$  and action  $\triangleright$  of  $H$ . Its *bosonisation* is the Hopf algebra  $B \bowtie H$  generated by  $H$  as a Hopf algebra,  $B$  as an algebra, and

$$hb = (h_{(1)} \triangleright b) h_{(2)}, \quad \Delta b = b_{(1)} \mathcal{R}^{(2)} \otimes \mathcal{R}^{(1)} \triangleright b_{(2)}. \quad (2)$$

**3. Biproducts** (cf. Radford 1985, SM 1992). Let  $B \in {}^F_F\mathcal{M}$ , the crossed modules over a Hopf algebra  $F$  with bijective  $S$ . There is a *biproduct* Hopf algebra  $B \bowtie F$  projecting to  $F$ . Every projection to  $F$  is of this form.

**4. Double-bosonisation** (SM 1995). Let  $B^\sim$  be dually paired to  $B \in {}_H\mathcal{M}$  via  $\text{ev} : B \otimes B^\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . There is a quantum group  $B \bowtie H \bowtie B^{\sim\text{op}}$  containing  $B \bowtie H$  and  $H \bowtie B^{\sim\text{op}}$  as subHopf algebras, defined by (2) and

$$b_{(1)} \mathcal{R}^{(2)} c_{(1)} \text{ev}(\mathcal{R}^{(1)} \triangleright b_{(2)}, c_{(2)}) = \text{ev}(b_{(1)}, \mathcal{R}^{(2)} \triangleright c_{(1)}) c_{(2)} \mathcal{R}^{(1)} b_{(2)}$$

$$hc = (h_{(2)} \triangleright c) h_{(1)}, \quad \Delta c = \mathcal{R}^{(2)} \triangleright c_{(1)} \otimes c_{(2)} \mathcal{R}^{(1)}, \quad \mathcal{R}^{\text{new}} = \mathcal{R} \exp^{-1},$$

where  $\mathcal{R}^{\text{new}}$  needs a canonical element (coevaluation)  $\exp \in B^\sim \otimes B$  for  $\text{ev}$ .

**5. Double-biproducts** (SM 1995). Let  $B^\sim \in {}^F_F\mathcal{M}$  be dually paired to  $B \in {}^F_F\mathcal{M}$  in 3. as in[6]. There is a Hopf algebra  $B \bowtie F \bowtie B^{\sim\text{op}}$ . A functor  ${}_H\mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}^H_H\mathcal{M}$  allows 2. & 4. to be viewed as special cases of 3. & 5.

Bosonisation has been used to construct inhomogeneous Hopf algebras  $\mathbb{C}_q^n \rtimes U_q(\widetilde{su_n})$ . The  $\sim$  denotes a central extension. On the other hand, double-bosonisation can be iterated to provide a graph of quantum groups, including the standard families of  $U_q(g)$  as well as new quantum groups without classical limit. At each node  $H$ , the branches are the inequivalent  $B \in {}_H\mathcal{M}$ . The new node is  $B \rtimes H \ltimes B^{\text{op}}$ . The initial node is the quantum group  $\mathbb{C}$ . Its central extension is the quantum line  $U_q(1)$ . Adjoining the braided line  $\mathbb{C}_q$  to this yields  $U_q(su_2)$ . There are several braided groups in the category of  $U_q(\widetilde{su_2})$ -modules, each yielding a new quantum group. The quantum-braided plane  $\mathbb{C}_q^2$  gives us  $U_q(su_3)$ . There are some technicalities, see [6].

The required quantum-braided planes for induction up the A,B,C,D series  $U_q(g)$  are known, while the exceptional series are currently under investigation. As there is surely *some* braided group  $B$  in the category of  $U_q(\widetilde{e_8})$ -modules, we obtain at least one quantum group  $B \rtimes U_q(\widetilde{e_8}) \ltimes B^{\text{op}}$  which could be called  $U_q(e_9)!$  Presumably it does not survive as  $q \rightarrow 1$ . Also, building up  $U_q(g)$  inductively by a series of triple products yields automatically a natural *inductive block basis* for it, which becomes a basis when we fix bases for the braided planes  $B$  which are adjoined at each stage. For example,

$$U_q(su_n) = \mathbb{C}_q^{n-1} \rtimes \mathbb{C}_q^{n-2} \rtimes \cdots \rtimes \mathbb{C}_q \rtimes U_q(\beta) \ltimes \mathbb{C}_q \ltimes \cdots \ltimes \mathbb{C}_q^{n-2} \ltimes \mathbb{C}_q^{n-1} \quad (3)$$

where the central extensions are collected together as  $U_q(\beta) = U(1)^{\otimes n}$  generated by  $H_i$  with a quasitriangular structure  $\mathcal{R}_\beta = q^{\sum \beta_{ij}^{-1} H_i \otimes H_j}$ . Here  $\beta$  is the symmetrised Cartan matrix. This *proves* the PBW theorem for  $U_q(g)$  and explicitly constructs  $U_q(n_+) = \mathbb{C}_q^{n-1} \rtimes \mathbb{C}_q^{n-2} \cdots \rtimes \mathbb{C}_q$ . Choosing bases for the  $\mathbb{C}_q^i$  gives us a basis for  $U_q(n_+)$ , as well as all the relations between them (including the  $q$ -Serre relations when expressed in terms of the simple roots). The inductive basis is coherent across the graph of quantum groups. Moreover, its restriction to any substring of factors gives a sub-braided or quantum group. In (3),  $\mathbb{C}_q^{n-1} \rtimes \cdots \rtimes \mathbb{C}_q \rtimes U_q(\beta) = U_q(b_+)$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_q^2 \rtimes \mathbb{C}_q \rtimes U_q(\beta) \ltimes \mathbb{C}_q = \mathbb{C}_q^2 \rtimes U_q(\widetilde{su_2})$ , etc. If one is interested in only half the story, i.e. only in constructing  $U_q(b_+)$ , one can also do it by iterated biproducts. Thus,  $\mathbb{C}_q^n \rtimes U_q(\widetilde{b_+})$  gives the  $q$ -Borel of  $U_q(su_{n+1})$ .

Double-bosonisation also generalises Lusztig's construction. Any  $\beta$  defines a quantum group  $U_q(\beta)$  with generators  $h_i$  and  $\mathcal{R}_\beta = q^{\sum \beta_{ij} h_i \otimes h_j}$ .  $B = \mathbb{C}\langle y^i \rangle$ ,  $B^\sim = \mathbb{C}\langle x_i \rangle$ , paired by (1), live in the category of  $U_q(\beta)$ -modules by  $h_i \triangleright y^j = \delta_{ij} y^j$ ,  $h_i \triangleright x_j = -\delta_{ij} x_j$ . So  $\mathbb{C}\langle y^i \rangle \rtimes U_q(\beta) \ltimes \mathbb{C}\langle x_i \rangle$  is a Hopf

algebra. Quotienting by the kernels of  $\text{ev}$  we obtain a quantum group  $U_q(n_+) \bowtie U_q(\beta) \bowtie U_q(n_-)$  with  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_\beta \exp^{-1}$ . For generic  $\beta$  (or generic  $R$ -matrix in Section 1)  $[m; R]$  are invertible and the coevaluation for (1) is

$$\exp = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x_{i_m} \cdots x_{i_1} ([m; R]!^{-1})_{j_1 \dots j_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m} y^{j_m} \cdots y^{j_1} \in B^{\text{op}} \otimes B.$$

Otherwise, quotienting by the kernels is nontrivial but we still have  $\partial$ ,  $\overleftarrow{\partial}$  and the *braided exponential*  $\exp$  is characterised as their eigenfunction[7].

Note that Fronsdaal in his talk and [10] considered recursion relations for an ansatz of the form  $\mathcal{R}_\beta f(x, y)$  to obey the Yang-Baxter equation, with resulting Hopf algebra being coboundary. By contrast, double-bosonisation already provides a closed expression for  $\mathcal{R}$  via a braided-exponential, proves that quotienting by kernels of  $\text{ev}$  yields a Hopf algebra and proves that it is quasitriangular. [6] has been circulated in October 1995.

### 3 Braided-Lie Bialgebras and Lie Induction

We now announce a semiclassical concept of braided groups. Let  $g, \delta : g \rightarrow g \otimes g, r \in g \otimes g$  be a quasitriangular Lie bialgebra as per Drinfeld[13]. Let  $2r_+ = r + \tau(r)$  where  $\tau$  is transposition. Let  $\triangleright$  denote an action of  $g$ .

**0.** A *braided-Lie bialgebra*  $b \in {}_g\mathcal{M}$  is a  $g$ -covariant Lie algebra and  $g$ -covariant Lie coalgebra with cobracket  $\underline{\delta} : b \rightarrow b \otimes b$  obeying  $\forall x, y \in b$ ,

$$\underline{\delta}([x, y]) = \text{ad}_x \delta y - \text{ad}_y \delta x - \psi(x \otimes y); \quad \psi = 2r_+(\triangleright \otimes \triangleright) \circ (\text{id} - \tau),$$

i.e.,  $d\underline{\delta} = \psi$  where  $d$  is the Lie coboundary on  $\underline{\delta} \in C_{\text{ad}}^1(b, b \otimes b)$  and  $d\psi \equiv 0$ .

**1.** Let  $i : g \rightarrow f$  be a map of Lie bialgebras. The *transmutation* of  $f$  is a braided-Lie bialgebra  $\underline{f} \in {}_g\mathcal{M}$  with Lie algebra  $f$  and for all  $x \in f$ ,

$$\underline{\delta}x = \delta x + r^{(1)} \triangleright x \otimes i(r^{(2)}) - i(r^{(2)}) \otimes r^{(1)} \triangleright x, \quad \triangleright = \text{ad} \circ i.$$

In particular,  $g$  has a braided version  $\underline{g} \in {}_g\mathcal{M}$  by  $\text{ad}$ , the same bracket, and

$$\underline{\delta}x = 2r_+^{(1)} \otimes [x, r_+^{(2)}]. \tag{4}$$

**2.** Let  $b \in {}_g\mathcal{M}$  be a braided-Lie bialgebra. Its *bosonisation* is the Lie bialgebra  $b \bowtie g$  with  $g$  as sub-Lie bialgebra,  $b$  as sub-Lie algebra and

$$[\xi, x] = \xi \triangleright x, \quad \delta x = \underline{\delta}x + r^{(2)} \otimes r^{(1)} \triangleright x - r^{(1)} \triangleright x \otimes r^{(2)}, \quad \forall \xi \in g, x \in b. \tag{5}$$

**3.** Let  $f$  be a Lie bialgebra and  ${}^f_f\mathcal{M}$  its category of Lie crossed modules (=modules of the Drinfeld double  $D(f)$ .) Objects  $b$  are simultaneously  $f$ -modules  $\triangleright$  and  $f$ -comodules  $\beta : b \rightarrow f \otimes b$  obeying  $\forall \xi \in f, x \in b$ ,

$$\beta(\xi \triangleright x) = ([\xi, \cdot] \otimes \text{id} + \text{id} \otimes \xi \triangleright) \beta(x) + (\delta \xi) \triangleright x.$$

Writing  $\beta(x) = x^{(\bar{1})} \otimes x^{(\bar{2})}$ , the infinitesimal braiding in this category is

$$\psi(x \otimes y) = y^{(\bar{1})} \triangleright x \otimes y^{(\bar{2})} - x^{(\bar{1})} \triangleright y \otimes x^{(\bar{2})} - y^{(\bar{2})} \otimes y^{(\bar{1})} \triangleright x + x^{(\bar{2})} \otimes x^{(\bar{1})} \triangleright y.$$

Let  $b \in {}^f_f\mathcal{M}$  be a braided-Lie bialgebra. The *bisum* Lie bialgebra  $b \bowtie g$  has semidirect Lie bracket/cobracket and projects onto  $f$ . Any Lie bialgebra projecting onto  $f$  is of this form. A functor  ${}_g\mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}^g_g\mathcal{M}$  relates 2. & 3.

**4.** Let  $b^\sim \in {}_g\mathcal{M}$  be a braided-Lie bialgebra dually paired with  $b$  by invariant  $\text{ev} : b \otimes b^\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Its *double-bosonisation* is the Lie bialgebra  $b \bowtie g \ltimes b^{\sim \text{op}}$  with  $g$  as sub-Lie bialgebra,  $b, b^{\sim \text{op}}$  sub-Lie algebras, (5) and

$$\begin{aligned} [\xi, \phi] &= \xi \triangleright \phi, \quad [x, \phi] = \text{ev}(x_{(1)}, \phi) x_{(2)} + \text{ev}(x, \phi_{(1)}) \phi_{(2)} + 2r_+^{(1)} \text{ev}(x, r_+^{(2)} \triangleright \phi) \\ \delta \phi &= \underline{\delta} \phi + r^{(2)} \triangleright \phi \otimes r^{(1)} - r^{(1)} \otimes r^{(2)} \triangleright \phi, \quad r^{\text{new}} = r - \sum_a f^a \otimes e_a, \end{aligned}$$

$\forall x \in b, \xi \in g$  and  $\phi \in b^\sim$ . Here  $\underline{\delta} x = x_{(1)} \otimes x_{(2)}$ , etc., and  $r^{\text{new}}$  assumes that  $\text{ev}$  has a coevaluation, i.e. if  $\{e_a\}$  is a basis of  $b$  then  $\{f^a\}$  is dual w.r.t.  $\text{ev}$ .

Double bosonisation provides an inductive construction for quasitriangular Lie bialgebras, preserving factorisability (nondegeneracy of  $r_+$ ). It is a co-ordinate free version of the idea of adjoining a node to a Dynkin diagram (adjoining a simple root vector in the Cartan-Weyl basis). Moreover, building up  $g$  iteratively like this also builds up the quasitriangular structure  $r$ . The braided-Lie bialgebra used in the induction could be trivial:

**Proposition.** Let  $g$  be a semisimple factorisable (s.s.f) Lie bialgebra and  $b$  a faithful isotypical representation such that  $\Lambda^2 b$  is isotypical. Then  $b$  with zero bracket and zero cobracket is a braided-Lie bialgebra in  ${}_g\mathcal{M}$ , and  $b \bowtie g \ltimes b^{\sim \text{op}}$  is another s.s.f. Lie bialgebra. Here  $\tilde{g}$  is a central extension.

The induction also works at the simple strictly quasitriangular level (with  $b$  irreducible). For example, the 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional representations of  $su_2$  have the required property

(ensuring  $\psi \propto (\text{id} - \tau)$  in  ${}_g\mathcal{M}$ ). They give  $su_3$  and  $so_5$ , taking us up the  $A$  and  $B$  series respectively.

Finally, just as Lie bialgebras extend to Poisson-Lie groups, so braided-Lie bialgebra structures generally extend to the associated Lie group of  $g$ . The resulting Poisson bracket does not, however, respect the group product in the usual way but rather up to a ‘braiding’ obtained from  $\psi$ .

**Example.** The transmutation (4) of the Drinfeld-Sklyanin (or other factorisable) Lie co-bracket on semisimple  $g$  is the Kirillov-Kostant Lie cobracket. Moreover, this *Kirillov-Kostant braided-Lie bialgebra* extends, in principle, to a braided-Poisson Lie group. Details are to appear elsewhere.

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